

REMARKS

The present application was filed on July 19, 2004 with claims 1-13. Claims 1, 5, and 9 are the pending independent claims. Claim 14 was added in a previous response.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for claim 14.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/024615 (hereinafter “Belfiore”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,349,337 (hereinafter “Parsons”).

Applicant have canceled claim 14 without prejudice solely in order to expedite prosecution of the remaining claims. Applicant has also chosen to amend independent claims 1, 5, and 9 without prejudice solely in order to clarify the claimed subject matter. More particularly, each claim has been amended to specify that the logic components of the application service are executed recursively until the user issues an interrupt request or the application service finishes executing. Support for this amendment may be found in the specification at, for example, page 5, line 40, to page 6, line 2; and page 8, lines 8-13. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references fail to teach or suggest at least this newly added limitation of the independent claims.

Applicant has also added new dependent claims 15-17, each of which includes a limitation wherein the recited ID corresponds to a serial number of one or more of the plurality of logic components of the given application service. Support for this amendment may be found in the specification at, for example, page 3, lines 27-28. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references fail to teach or suggest any arrangement wherein the recited ID corresponds to a serial number of one or more of the plurality of logic components of the given application service.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that claims 1-13 and 15-17 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection and §103 rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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